

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of)
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment with Remarks is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 17, 2008, having a period for response set to expire on January 17, 2009. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.